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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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SPECIAL EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KEN 2304 METHODOLOGY OF TEXT & DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

Date: 13th August 2024
Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) In **three** different ways, outline what the size of a discourse is. (3 marks)
- b) According to the Birmingham School Approach, describe **three** units of classroom discourse. (6 marks)
- c) Consider the following example of discourse and state the discourse function of each utterance. (4 marks)

A: I am here to explain why I was late for the interview.

B: Yes

A: On the day of the interview, I was robbed off my handbag which had my original documents.

B: You expect me to believe that?

- d) Describe **four** aspects of a speech situation as discussed in the domain of Speech Act Theory. (8 marks)
- e) Explain the concept of the tact maxim in achieving linguistic politeness. (6 marks)
- f) Construct **three** sentences which demonstrate the use of lexical ties as a way of achieving cohesion in written discourse. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the notion of the RANK SCALE as used in the analysis of the units of spoken discourse. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss **five** differences that exist between spoken discourse and written discourse at the phonological level. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explore **five** features of context of situation which play a key role in the interpretation of any form of discourse. (10 marks)
- b) Using examples of your own in sentences, explain how the *maxim of relevance* can be deliberately flouted. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Expound on the competitive variety of the illocutionary function of language. (10 marks)
- b) Construct a short naturally occurring conversation between two people and analyse it to show the exchanges and moves that are present in the conversation (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **five** different ways in which language can be used to influence the behaviour of another person. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the relationship that exists between linguistic form and discourse function of language. (10 marks)